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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the patent documents listed on the enclosed citation Form PTO-1449. A copy of the non-English patent documents and counterpart abstracts are also enclosed.

STATEMENT/PETITION/FEE

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three (3) months of the filing date of the application. Accordingly, Applicant submits that no Statement, Petition, or fee is necessitated by the filing of this paper. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to

charge any fee, which may be deemed necessary in connection with this Information Disclosure Statement to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate of this Information Disclosure Statement is enclosed for that purpose.

REMARKS

Japanese Patent Document No. 9-127757 is discussed at least at page 2, lines 14 through 20 of the specification.

Japanese Patent Document No. 4-46914 is discussed at least at page 17, line 18 through page 18, line 4 of the specification. (The original specification refers to unpublished Japanese Patent Application No. 04-056914. The specification has been amended to directly refer to the corresponding published Japanese Patent Document No. 4-46914.

U.S. Patent No. 5,485,248 is identified as being in the patent family of Japanese Patent Document No. 5-223513.

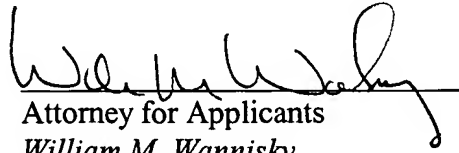
CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the cited information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Favorable consideration hereof is earnestly solicited.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our New York office at the address given below.

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